

Born in 2003 to parents who came to the U.S. as refugees from Laos, Ms. Lee is accustomed to working hard and overcoming challenges. Just one day before leaving to compete in the 2019 U.S. gymnastics championship, her father and top cheerleader, Houa (John) Lee, became paralyzed in a tree trimming accident. Despite this tragedy, John encouraged Suni to go and compete. She went on to defy expectations and finish second in the gymnastics all-around. Since then, she has assisted her father in his recovery, along with her mother Yeev Thoj and her siblings, all while continuing her demanding schedule of academic studies and training. Her resilience and determination reflect the heart of an Olympian.

In tribute to Ms. Lee's Olympic gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter named Friday, July 30, 2021 as Sunisa Lee Day in Minnesota and Saint Paul. On August 8, a parade was held in her honor through her East Side Saint Paul neighborhood. Thousands of fans, family and friends gathered on White Bear Avenue to cheer on her victories and celebrating her achievements on behalf of Team USA.

Throughout her life, Ms. Lee has been a positive force for her family, her community in Saint Paul, Minnesota and the United States. Her victory as the first Hmong-American to win Olympic gold in the all-around gymnastics category is especially inspiring to Asian-American girls who see her as a role model who is capable of performing at the highest level on the global stage.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Sunisa Lee for her outstanding accomplishments, along with her incomparable talent, extraordinary commitment, and resilient spirit. We wish Ms. Lee well as she begins a new chapter as a student-athlete at Auburn University.

#### SYMPATHY RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MR. FLOYD LEE SMALL

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small, a beloved father, veteran, and friend.

Whereas, Mr. Floyd Small was born in Miami, Florida on April 1, 1953, to the late James and Annie Mae Small. He was one of nine siblings. Mr. Small had a strong Christian upbringing, in a household where love and values were instilled and strongly emphasized at an early age; and

Whereas, Mr. Small was among the first class to integrate South Dade High School in the early 70's. Immediately after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, on October 15, 1979, he was united in holy matrimony to Brenda Donaldson. With this union, came a daughter Tiffany and two stepdaughters Kimberly and Tracy; and

Whereas, he was a man of many talents and gifts. In his early adult years, he began

working at Turkey Pointe as an apprentice in the water treatment plant. Throughout the remainder of his career, he worked in diverse industries such as: Law enforcement, as a police dispatcher, freelance photographer, MC/DJ. In the 90's, he mastered the art of window tinting and eventually started X-pert Window Tinting.

Whereas, Mr. Small was loved by many and shed light on whomever crossed his path. He knew that God gave him a voice. He used this voice to sing, inspire, and help others make sense of life. His amazing sense of humor rubbed off on anyone that was near him; and

Whereas, on August 5, 2021, the Lord called him home. Mr. Small leaves to cherish his precious memories: his daughter Tiffany (Willis) Howard; Two brothers; Edward (Michelle), Willie; six sisters, Annie Bell Walker, Sharon Ferguson, Carolyn (Ralph) Baptiste, Sandra Small, Deborah (Joe) Roberts and Jacqueline (Glenn) Gray; His grandson Jacob; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, countless friends; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S ENVIROTHON TEAM

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pleasant Valley High School's Envirothon Team. The team of Emma Barrett (captain), Reece Kresge, Zachary Dooner, Jacob Possinger, and Benjamin Keppel recently placed seventh at the International NCF-Envirothon competition hosted virtually at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Envirothon began in Pennsylvania in 1979 as the "Environmental Olympics" to encourage young people to take an interest in conservation and environmental issues, and, over the past four decades, the program has expanded to 46 states and internationally to Canada and China. Teachers and professionals support high school students as they participate in natural resource environmental education both in the classroom and outdoors.

To advance to the international competition, the team competed against teams from 58 Pennsylvania counties in a series of field station tests focused five areas: soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. They also prepared and delivered an oral presentation where they demonstrated their problem solving and oral presentation skills and provided their recommendations to solve a current environmental issue. Their impressive performance earned them first place and a chance to compete at the international competition. The team also posted the top score in the wildlife station.

At the 32nd annual NCF-Envirothon competition, hosted by the National Conservation Foundation and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, the team took on 42

teams—35 from the United States, four from Canada, and three from China. Vying for glory as well as scholarships and awards, the team competed in the five stations and delivered their oral presentation to a panel of judges, ultimately placing seventh overall and earning \$1,000 scholarships.

It is an honor to recognize Emma, Reece, Zachary, Jacob, Benjamin, and their advisor, Maricatherine Garr, as they celebrate this outstanding achievement. They have made the 8th Congressional District proud and represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania well on the world stage. These students have bright futures ahead of them in whatever career path they choose, and I wish them well as they continue on in their studies. May they be lifelong stewards and advocates for our environment.

#### RICHARD L. TRUMKA AND UNITE HERE: A REMEMBRANCE

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 24, 2021*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a statement written by John W. Wilhelm, Retired President, UNITE HERE, in honor of the late Rich Trumka.

UNITE HERE had a special bond with Rich Trumka. His unexpected death this month hit the labor movement hard. It was a personal loss for me, and the loss of a passionate advocate for the members of our Union.

Rich Trumka was a leader of principle and courage. He was a third generation coal miner from immigrant Italian and Polish stock, growing up in the little Appalachian coal town of Nemacolin in southwest Pennsylvania.

His Union, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), is one of the most important Unions—arguably the single most important—in American labor history. The UMWA was founded in 1890, one year before HERE. The UMWA has always been important to its fiercely loyal members, working for brutal companies in a dangerous industry. It was equally important to the American labor movement because the UMWA was the driving force in the creation of the CIO and the massive industrial organizing campaigns of the Great Depression, as well as a crucial political ally for President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

My mother, who grew up in the coal country of Southwest Virginia, always said that the only good things that ever happened to the Appalachian people were Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Mine Workers.

After the legendary Mine Workers leader John L. Lewis retired in 1960, the Union lost its way. Rich Trumka went to Penn State, intending to play football until he got hurt, and then the Villanova Law School. Rich could have done anything, but he decided to become part of a growing reform movement in the UMWA. After the murder of reform leader Jock Yablonski, Rich redoubled his efforts. In 1982, at age 33, he was elected President of his Union.

Rich set out to restore the confidence of the miners in their Union, and to restore the Union's hard-earned respect from the coal companies. His rebuilding program culminated in the epic 10-month strike of 2,000 Union miners against the Pittston Coal Company in 1989-1990. Pittston was a creative